

was heard from Chairman Archer and Representative Rangel.

LOAN PROGRAMS AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the SBA's 7(a) and 504 loan programs and their effectiveness in serving economically distressed and disadvantaged areas. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

IRS RESTRUCTURING AND REFORM ACT OF 1997

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2676, Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1997.

BILLS VETOED

H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortion. Vetoed October 10, 1997.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, to continue hearings to examine the costs of enlarging NATO membership to include Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 1292, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45 (Military Construction Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998), 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nominations of Lt. Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Special Operations Command and for appointment to the grade of general, and Lt. Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and for appointment to the grade of general, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending nominations, 4:15 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 318, to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, and S. 1228, to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine public pension programs in Europe, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to mark up certain provisions of legislation relating to intermodal transportation safety, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold oversight hearings on the issue of peaceful nuclear cooperation with China, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 633, to adjust the boundary of the Petroglyph National Monument, and S. 1132, to modify the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings to examine the Army Corps of Engineers flood control project at Devils Lake, North Dakota, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on the nomination of Charles Rossotti, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Peter Francis Tufo, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus, David Timothy Johnson, of Georgia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Head of the United States Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Kathryn Walt Hall, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, and James Carew Rosapepe, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Romania, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine United States economic and strategic interests in the Caspian Sea region, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on S. 869, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SR-485.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E2053-54 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review H.R. 2185, USDA Accountability and Equity Act of 1997, and other civil rights measures, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Securing America's Future: Preparing the Nation for the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Energy's Implementation of Contract Reform: Mismanagement of Performance-Based Contracting, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Reauthorization of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and GAO report CPSC: Better Data Needed to Help Identify and Analyze Potential Hazards, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 1415, Patient Access to Responsible Care Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on "Job Corps Oversight: Recruitment and Placement Standards", 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, to mark up H. Res. 273, condemning the military intervention by the Government of the Republic of Angola into the Republic of the Congo, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing and markup of the following: H.J. Res. 91, granting the consent of Congress to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact; H.J. Res. 92, granting the consent of Congress to the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact; H.J. Res. 95, granting the consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact; and H.J. Res. 96, granting the consent and approval of Congress for the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2652, to amend title 17, United States Code, to prevent the misappropriation of collections of information; and the Vessel Hull Design Protection Act, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the implementation of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up H.R. 2376, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1997; and hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2304, to direct the Secretary of the In-

terior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resource System; H.R. 2401, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; and H.R. 2556, Wetlands and Wildlife Enhancement Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Recreational Residence Use Fees on National Forest System Lands, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and H.R. 2616, Charter Schools Amendments Act of 1997, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Allegations of Sexual Harassment at the FAA, 10:15 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Aviation, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2626, to make clarifications to the Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996; H.R. 1454, Community Flight Safety Act of 1997; H.R. 2476, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on H.R. 2118, Ban on Smoking in Federal Buildings Act, 10:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on VA Inspector General Reports on Alleged Mismanagement at the Charleston, South Carolina and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania VA Medical Centers, and on related matters, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Trade, to mark up H.R. 1432, African Growth and Opportunity Act; and to hold a hearing on the use and effect of unilateral trade sanctions, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 2159, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 10:30 a.m., H-140, Capitol.